

Parks and Recreation Committee 4/29/2021

4:00pm Jimmy Olsen calls meeting to order

2. Roll Call

Ashley Steeves: present

Chris Holmes: absent

Matt Bailey: absent

Ryan Lopes: present

Troy Purington: present

Also present: Jimmy Olsen Assistant Recreation Director

3. Approve Notes

Ashley Steeves motion

Ryan Lopes 2nd

Ashley Steeves Yes

Ryan Lopes Yes

Troy Purington Yes

4. Walk through Town Park

Noticed vandalism in bathrooms.

Troy brought up that there is not enough parking for a facility this size.

Ashley said maybe the City could cut out more parking on Friend Street side. Just wide enough for one car to pull in nose first.

Ryan asked if we could put a survey together to poll the community on issues.

While walking around Town Parks Little League field it was noticed that the fence on the first base line is right on the foul line and could be a potential safety hazard. There is also not a lot of seating for parents. Group would like to explore adding bleachers in centerfield.

While walking around Pony League field it was brought up how there are numerous safety hazards in the outfield with lack of fencing and how short it is from home plate to center. It was mentioned that the Varsity team cannot play in the field. Ashley motioned to explore if there was a better way to utilize the space. Troy second the motion.

Ashley Steeves Yes

Troy Purington Yes

Ryan Lopes Yes

Troy asked about the back of the High School as that was mentioned in the Fields Master Plan.

Troy asked about scheduling for all fields as Amesbury seems to be lacking multipurpose fields. Lax struggles to schedule open fields as Soccer told them they cannot use Woodsom.

5. Determine hours/seasons for Skate Park

Group discussed if the City really needed seasons or should we just keep it open all year round for the same time every day.

Ashley motioned to make hours 8am-10pm

Ryan 2nd

Ashley Steeves Yes

Ryan Lopes Yes

Troy Purington Yes

Skate Park hours set at 8am-10pm 7 days a week.

6. Woodsom Farm walk through

Troy asked who schedules the use of the fields. Jimmy Olsen answer that the Recreation department does. Jimmy will look into getting Youth Lax more field time.

7. Nominations for secretary

None. Jimmy stressed the importance of having one at the next meeting.

8. Set Future Meeting Dates /Times

Will meet in person in May. Looking at a night meeting at the Senior Center. Will schedule later.

9. Public Comment

None

10. Adjourn

Ryan Motion

Troy 2nd

Ashley Steeves Yes

Ryan Lopes Yes

Troy Purington Yes